

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Political Science with Teacher Certification  
(Social Studies Composite: History Minor and Geography Third Field)**

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*For Advising Purposes Only*

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**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE**

42 HOURS

**COMMUNICATION – CODE 010 (6 HOURS)**

- ENG 1310
- ENG 1320

**MATHEMATICS – CODE 020 (3 HOURS)**

- MATH 1315, 1317, 1319, 1329, 2321, 2417, or 2471

**LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE – CODE 030 (6 HOURS)**

- Choose two: ANTH 2414, BIO 1320 or 1421 or 1330 or 1331, CHEM 1310 or 1430 or 1341 or 1342, GEO 1305, GEOL 1410 or 1420, PHYS 1310 or 1320 or 1340 or 1350 or 1315 or 1325 or 1430 or 2425

**LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY, AND CULTURE – CODE 040 (3 HOURS)**

- PHIL 1305 (WI) or 1320 (WI)

**CREATIVE ARTS – CODE 050 (3 HOURS)**

- ART 2313, DAN 2313, MU 2313, or TH 2313

**AMERICAN HISTORY – CODE 060 (6 HOURS)**

- HIST 1310 (WI) (satisfied in minor)
- HIST 1320 (WI) (satisfied in minor)

**POLITICAL SCIENCE – CODE 070 (6 HOURS)**

- POSI 2310 (satisfied in major)
- POSI 2320 (satisfied in major)

**SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES – CODE 080 (3 HOURS)**

- ECO 2301 or 2314

**TEXAS STATE AREA OPTION – CODE 090 (6 HOURS)**

- COMM 1310
- ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, or 2360

Note: Honors course options are available to members of the Honors College. Visit [www.txstate.edu/honors](http://www.txstate.edu/honors) for more info. All Honors course options are Writing Intensive (WI).

**ADDITIONAL BA REQUIREMENTS**

19-27 HOURS

**MODERN LANGUAGE (6-14 HOURS)**

Choose from: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish

- 1410\*    1420\*    2310    2320

\*Most students will need to complete 1410 and 1420 as prerequisites before attempting 2310.

**ADDITIONAL HISTORY (6 HOURS)**

- HIST 2311 (WI) (satisfied in third teaching field)
- HIST 2312 (WI) (satisfied in third teaching field)

**ADDITIONAL SCIENCE (4 HOURS)**

- GEO 2410 (satisfied in GEO minor)

**ADDITIONAL ENGLISH LITERATURE (3 HOURS)**

- Choose one (must be different from core): ENG 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2359, or 2360

**POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR**

30 HOURS

- POSI 2310   Principles of American Government
- POSI 2320   Functions of American Government
- PS 3300   Basic Political Ideas (WI)
- or PS 3301   Basic Political Institutions (WI)

**CHOOSE 4 OF THE 5 GROUPS (12 HOURS)**

- Group I   Political Theory and Methodology
- Group II   American Government
- Group III   Public Law and Public Administration
- Group IV   Comparative Politics
- Group V   International Relations

**3 HOURS OF ADVANCED POSI ELECTIVES**

- PS Advanced Elective (3 hours)

**PRACTICUM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- PS 4398 (WI) (*POSI 4398 should be taken with the Block Experience*)

**SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES AND PRACTICES**

- HIST 4300 (WI) (*HIST 4300 should be taken with the Block Experience*)

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Political Science courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

**HISTORY MINOR**

(21 HOURS)

- HIST 1310 (WI)
- HIST 1320 (WI)
- HIST 2311 (World Civilization to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century) (WI)
- HIST 2312 (World Civilization from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century) (WI)
- HIST 3372 (Texas History) (WI)
- HIST 3000 or 4000 level Group A (World History)
- HIST 3000 or 4000 level Group B (European History)

Note: Will need a C or higher in all History courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

**GEOGRAPHY THIRD FIELD**

(10 HOURS)

- GEO 1309 or 1310
- GEO 2410 (Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above [excluding 1316] with a C or higher)
- GEO 3303 or 3309 (WI)

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Geography courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

**MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 120 total hours
- 36 advanced hours
- 30 hours taken at Texas State
- 24 advanced hours taken at Texas State
- 12 advanced hours in major taken at Texas State
- 24 of the last 30 hours taken at Texas State
- 9 Writing Intensive (WI) hours taken at Texas State
- 2.75 Overall GPA
- 2.00 Texas State GPA
- 2.50 GPA in all Teaching Fields (POSI, HIST, & GEO)
- 2.50 Teacher Certification coursework

Note: Depending on major and minor combination, some students may need to take open electives to reach the required number of total and/or advanced hours.

(WI) - Writing Intensive course (if taken at Texas State)

## TEACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

21 HOURS

### PRE-BLOCK COURSES (6 HOURS)

Required prerequisites for Pre-block Courses: 60 earned hours and 2.75 Overall GPA

- CI 3325: Adolescent Growth and Development
- CI 4332: Curriculum and Technology

### BLOCK EXPERIENCE (9 HOURS)

Required prerequisites for the Block Experience: Admittance into the Teaching Preparation Program; CI 3325 and CI 4332; 2.75 Overall GPA; and co-enrollment in all three courses listed

- CI 4343: Instructional Strategies for the Secondary Teacher
- CI 4370: Classroom Management, Ethics, and Legal Issues
- RDG 3323: Teaching Reading in the Content Areas

### STUDENT TEACHING (6 HOURS)

Required prerequisites for Student Teaching: Admittance into the Teaching Preparation Program; all other coursework completed; 2.75 Overall GPA

- EDST 4681: Student Teaching

Note: The Block Experience and Student Teaching require applications. Visit [www.education.txstate.edu/oeep](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oeep) for more info.

Note: Will need a C or higher in all Teaching Certification Requirement courses and a 2.50 GPA in this section.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE ADVANCED GROUP ELECTIVES

### GROUP I – POLITICAL THEORY AND METHODOLOGY

PS 3331	American Political Thought <sup>1</sup>
PS 4311	Ancient & Medieval Political Thought (Greeks to 1600) <sup>1</sup>
PS 3313	Contemporary Political Theory <sup>1</sup>
PS 4312	Modern Political Theory (1600-1900) <sup>1</sup>
PS 3315	Quantitative Research in Political Science <sup>1,2</sup>
PS 4313	The Holocaust <sup>1</sup>
PS 3314	Politics and Personality <sup>1</sup>

### GROUP II – AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

PS 3327	The American Founding <sup>1</sup>
PS 4327	Religion and American Public Life <sup>1</sup>
PS 3322	Parties and Party Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3323	Congress and the Legislative Process <sup>1</sup>
PS 3324	The American Presidency <sup>1</sup>
PS 3325	State and Local Government <sup>1</sup>
PA 3316	Metropolitan Politics <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 3351	Urban Management and Regional Policy <sup>1,2</sup>
PS 3328	Politics in Film <sup>1</sup>
PS 3326	Issues and Interest Groups: Power and Pressure in America <sup>1</sup>
PS 4324	Women in Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4323	Latino Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3321	Campaigns and Elections <sup>1</sup>
PS 4325	Texas Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4326	Media and Public Opinion <sup>1</sup>
PS 4321	American Foreign Policy <sup>1</sup>
PA 4362	Government, Nonprofit and America Business <sup>1,2</sup>

### GROUP III – PUBLIC LAW AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

PS 3332	Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles <sup>1</sup>
PS 3333	Constitutional Law: Individual Liberties <sup>1</sup>
PA 3300	Introduction to Public and Nonprofit Administration <sup>1</sup>
PA 3330	Public Personnel and Human Resource Administration <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 4352	Comparative Public Administration <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 3310	Public Finance Administration <sup>2</sup>
PS 4334	Legal Theories and Research <sup>1</sup>
PS 3334	Civil Law in American Society <sup>1</sup>
PS 4333	Issues in Law and Public Policy <sup>1</sup>
PS 3331	The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process <sup>1</sup>
PA 3350	Public Policy Process <sup>1,2</sup>
PA 3340	Administrative Law <sup>1,2</sup>

### GROUP IV – COMPARATIVE POLITICS

PS 4342	Economic Development in Latin America <sup>1</sup>
PS 3341	Comparative Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3347	Politics of Modern Southeast Asia <sup>1</sup>
PS 4331	Islamic Law and Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3348	Revolution and Nationalism <sup>1</sup>
PS 3352	Theories of International Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3343	Government and Politics of Latin America <sup>1</sup>
PS 3344	Government and Politics of Europe <sup>1</sup>
PS 3345	Government and Politics of Russia <sup>1</sup>
PS 4346	Organization of American States <sup>1</sup>
PS 4343	Politics of Democratization in Developing Countries <sup>1</sup>
PS 3346	Government and Politics of Asia
PS 3342	African Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4344	The Politics of Extremism <sup>1</sup>

### GROUP V – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PS 3351	Introduction to International Studies <sup>1</sup>
PS 4341	Civil-Military Relations in Comparative Perspective <sup>1</sup>
PS 3353	Issues in World Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 3352	Theories of International Politics <sup>1</sup>
PS 4352	International Law <sup>1</sup>
PS 4353	International Organizations <sup>1</sup>
PS 3354	United States-Latin American Relations <sup>1</sup>
PS 4354	Politics of International Economic Relations <sup>1</sup>
PS 4351	International Conflict and Security <sup>1</sup>

## ADMITTANCE TO THE TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM

Students must apply to and meet the following requirements for admittance into the Teacher Preparation Program:

- An Overall GPA of at least 2.75
- Completion of the following coursework with a grade of "C" or better in the following skill areas:
  - Reading: Any 6 credit hours coded 060 or 070 Core Curriculum
  - Written Communication: Any 6 credit hours coded 010 Core Curriculum
  - Critical Thinking: Any 3 credit hours coded 040 Core Curriculum
  - Mathematics: Any 3 credit hours coded 020 Core Curriculum
  - Completion of COMM 1310 or its equivalent with a grade of "B" or better to demonstrate competency in oral communication. *If a "C" is earned, students may schedule an interview with the Office of Educator Preparation to determine whether the course must be repeated*
- Junior status (60 hours completed)
- 12 semester credit hours in subject-specific content area
- Application to the Teacher Preparation Program

Determination of admittance to the Teacher Preparation Program is overseen by the Office of Educator Preparation. More information available at [www.education.txstate.edu/oeep](http://www.education.txstate.edu/oeep).



<sup>1</sup> Indicates a Writing Intensive course.

<sup>2</sup> Indicates a pre-requisite course is required. Refer to catalog or an academic advisor.

Note: PS 3300 or PS 3301 serve as corequisites for all advanced courses in Political Science.